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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR ZAIRIAN FONMIN

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1. YOU SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN BULA AND MAKE
FOLLOWING POINTS TO HIM IN RESPONSE TO HIS MESSAGE TO THE
SECRETARY:

A. THE SECRETARY APPRECIATES HIS MESSAGE SENT THROUGH
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OUR CHARGE AT BANGUI, AS WELL AS ZAIRE'S INTEREST IN IM-

PROVED U.S.-UGANDAN RELATIONS. HE IS GRATIFIED THAT ZAIRE'S EFFORTS IN BANGUI WERE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING AMIN TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE HELPFUL JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON ANGOLA WITH MOBUTU AND BOKASSA.

B. AS BULA IS AWARE, US HAS NEVER SEVERED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH UGANDA. WE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS THROUGH OUR MISSION AT THE UN, THE UGANDAN EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON, AND THE FRG EMBASSY WHICH REPRESENTS OUR INTERESTS IN UGANDA. TWO HIGH-LEVEL UGANDAN DELEGATIONS WERE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON DURING 1975. MOREOVER, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS EDWARD MULCAHY MET TWICE WITH PRESIDENT AMIN DURING THE

RECENT TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN KINSHASA TO DISCUSS THE ANGOLA CRISIS AND OTHER MATTERS, AND ON JANUARY 4 THE COUNSELOR OF OUR EMBASSY AT NAIROBI VISITED KAMPALA TO DELIVER TO PRESIDENT AMIN A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD ON THE ANGOLA SITUATION.

C. THE QUESTION OF REOPENING US EMBASSY AT KAMPALA REMAINS UNDER CONTINUING AND SYMPATHETIC EXAMINATION. YOU MAY SAY THAT, ESPECIALLY GIVEN PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S AND FOREIGN MINISTER BULA'S INTEREST, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER RE-ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT AT AN EARLY DATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. WE WILL KEEP PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND BULA INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS, BUT THEY MAY COMMUNICATE OUR INTENTIONS TO KAMPALA. JISSINGER

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